

Amendment and Response

Applicant: George B. Hobbs

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REMARKS

The following remarks are made in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed October 4, 2003, in which claims 1-34 were rejected. With this reply, claims 1-4, 6-13, 15-20, and 29 have been amended to clarify Applicant's invention and claims 35-37 have been added. Claims 1-37, therefore, remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

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The Examiner's attention is directed to the Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 previously filed on *December 11, 2000*. To date, Applicant has not received an initialed and signed copy of the PTO-1449 confirming that the cited references have been considered. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that an initialed and signed copy of the Form PTO-1449 previously filed on *December 11, 2000* be returned. For the convenience of the Examiner, enclosed is a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 previously filed on *December 11, 2000*.

Drawings

The Examiner has indicated that this application was filed with drawings that are considered informal. Concurrently with this reply, formal drawings are being filed. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that these drawings be substituted for the drawings originally filed.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Motamed et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,519,053. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The method of independent claim 1 includes defining a print processing system controller having an advertisement registered therewith and presenting the advertisement to the customer via the network communication link when the print processing system controller processes the job ticket for the print job, and the method of independent claim 11 includes defining a print processing system controller having a plurality of advertisements registered therewith, processing a job ticket for the print job with the print processing system controller

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and selecting at least one of the advertisements based on the job ticket, and presenting the at least one of the advertisements to the customer via the network communication link. In addition, the system of independent claim 21 includes a print processing system controller configured to have an advertisement registered therewith, wherein the print processing system controller is adapted to process a job ticket for the print job and present the advertisement to the customer when the print processing system controller processes the job ticket for the print job.

The Examiner contends that the Motamed et al. patent discloses a method of processing a print job of a customer and directing advertising to the customer. The Examiner recognizes, however, that the Motamed et al. patent lacks presenting the advertisement to the customer via the network communication link and lacks presenting the advertisement to the customer via the network communication link when the print processing system controller processes the job ticket for the print job. As such, the Examiner suggests that it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention that the disclosure of the Motamed et al. patent would have been modified and selected in accordance with presenting the advertisement to the customer via the network communication link and presenting the advertisement to the customer via the network communication link when the print processing system controller processes the job ticket for the print job. In addition, the Examiner contends that the Motamed et al. patent discloses a system for processing a print job of a customer and directing advertising to the customer. The Examiner recognizes, however, that the system of the Motamed et al. patent lacks presentation of the advertisement to the customer when the print processing system controller processes the job ticket for the print job. As such, the Examiner suggests that it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention that the disclosure of the Motamed et al. patent would have been modified and selected in accordance with presentation of the advertisement to the customer when the print processing system controller processes the job ticket for the print job.

The Motamed et al. patent relates to print job streams and the optimization of print job tickets in print job streams (col. 1, lines 9-10). More specifically, the Motamed et al. patent discloses a method and system of print job processing initiated by a client communicating-computer communicating with a printer server system comprising operations performed by

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the client communicating-computer including a rip pre-processing operation (Abstract). The client communicating-computer of the Motamed et al. patent performs operations including executing a client application to create a print job request, using a PDL driver based on the print job request to create a print job PDL file, rip pre-processing the print job PDL file to create a smart print job ticket, sending the smart print job ticket to the printer server system, and sending the print job PDL file to the printer server system (col. 7, lines 10-17). As such, the client communicating-computer of the Motamed et al. patent performs the rip pre-processing to create the smart job ticket which is then advantageously used by the printer server system to optimize spooling, ripping and sending the compressed print job to a printer (col. 7, lines 28-32).

The background of the Motamed et al. patent mentions that the size of print jobs varies greatly, from a text mode e-mail, which may amount to a few thousand bytes per print job page, to graphical presentations, brochures or advertising copy, which often run several megabytes per page (col. 3, lines 24-27). The Motamed et al. patent, therefore, merely recognizes that the type of print jobs that may be processed may include e-mail, graphical presentations, brochures, or advertising copy. The method and system of print job processing of the Motamed et al. patent, however, does not include presenting an advertisement to a customer when the system processes a job ticket for a print job. Accordingly, the Motamed et al. patent does not teach or suggest a method of processing a print job of a customer and directing advertising to the customer as claimed in independent claims 1 and 11, nor a system for processing a print job of a customer and directing advertising to the customer as claimed in independent claim 21.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 11, and 21 are patentably distinct from the Motamed et al. patent and, therefore, in a condition for allowance. Furthermore, as dependent claims 2-10 and 35 further define patentably distinct claim 1, dependent claims 12-20 and 36 further define patentably distinct claim 11, and dependent claims 22-34 and 37 further define patentably distinct claim 21, Applicant submits that dependent claims 2-10 and 35, dependent claims 12-20 and 36, and dependent claims 22-34 and 37 are also in a condition for allowance. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-34 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn and that claims 1-37 be allowed.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-37 are all in a condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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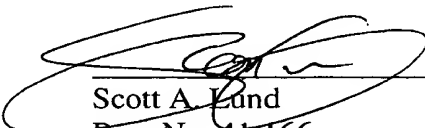
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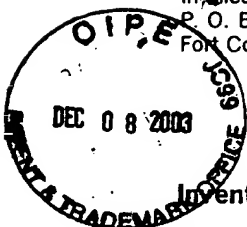


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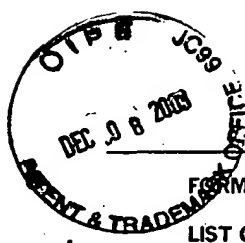
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